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SUBJECT: DOMINICAN IS THE NEW SECRETARY GENERAL FOR THE
ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES

¶1. Dominican sociologist Ruben Silie was unanimously elected the Secretary General of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) on February 12. His term will be four years. The ACS is an organization for consultation and cooperation among its 25 member states and three associate members. Its current focus is on trade, transport, sustainable tourism and natural disasters.

¶2. Mr. Silie is a sociologist and academic. He has a master's degree in economics and has published numerous essays and books in the Dominican Republic. In his position as Secretary General he will represent the ACS in international fora. GODR Foreign Minister Guerrero Prats held the chair of the ACS Council of Ministers during 2003. The next ordinary meeting of the Ministerial Council of the ACS is scheduled to take place in late November or early December in Haiti.

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